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Memorandum

To: ADP-Registered Sleep Clinics

From: David Schachow, Interim Director, Assistive Devices Program

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Subject: New Pricing Schedule for Positive Airway Pressure Systems

In February 2020, the Ministry of Health announced a new pricing schedule for Positive Airway Pressure (PAP) systems that would take effect on April 1, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its impact on the Ontario health care system, the Ministry delayed implementation of the new pricing scheduled for PAP systems.

The new prices, previously scheduled to take effect April 1, 2020, are confirmed to take effect on October 1, 2021.

The price changes were informed by extensive market and trend analysis, other jurisdictions, targeted margin analysis, expert advice, and the size of Ontario and its program. The ADP pricing:

- **is in alignment** with the findings of the Office of the Auditor General of Ontario (OAGO); and
- **was confirmed** through a review of vendor invoices with manufacturer-to-vendor cost for PAP devices and the associated supply items.

The ADP-approved prices for PAP systems are the following.

- The price for a CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure) system will decrease from \$860 to \$554, resulting in a \$77 decrease in a client's co-payment.
- The price for an APAP (Auto-titrating Positive Airway Pressure) system will decrease from \$1,020 to \$554, resulting in a \$117 decrease in a client's co-payment.
- The price for a BPAP (Bi-level Positive Airway Pressure) system will decrease from \$1,120 to \$950, resulting in a \$43 decrease in a client's co-payment.

All Ontarians currently eligible for full coverage for the PAP system cost will continue to be fully covered. Ontarians who are required to pay the 25% co-payment will see their cost decrease.

The ADP has also eliminated the additional medical eligibility criteria for APAP systems. As of October 1, 2021, to receive funding for an APAP system, the applicant must only demonstrate a diagnosis of Obstructive Sleep Apnea Syndrome and the presence of significant symptoms or medical risks without treatment, and the absence of symptoms or risks with treatment.

There are no changes to ADP policies related to the ADP-registered sleep clinic's role and responsibilities.

We will continue to work with our valued health care partners to ensure that this transition is implemented effectively.

If you have any questions regarding the change in prices for PAP systems, please contact the Program directly at adp@ontario.ca.

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